

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has subjected claims 1-27 to restriction under 35 U.S.C 121 as follows.

I. Claims 1-13, 23 and 24, drawn to a method for preparing a non-thermal plasma reactor, classified in class 29, subclass 592.1.

II. Claims 14-22 and 25-27, drawn to a non-thermal plasma reactor, classified in class 422, subclass 186.04.

Applicants traverse the outstanding restriction requirement for at least the reason that the product as claimed cannot be made by a process with a permanent ceramic spacer between adjacent plates. A process comprising preparing a non-thermal plasma reactor with permanent individual ceramic spacers disposed between adjacent plates would not result in the present product. The present product and process comprise a non-thermal plasma reactor and a method for preparing a non-thermal plasma reactor having individually retained reactor plates that are secured without the use of permanent individual ceramic spacers. The individually retained plates are free of permanent ceramic spacers and are secured by an insulating retention material, an insulating layer, a permanent pleated, preferably mica, separator, or a combination thereof, such that the selected securing element provides support and/or exhaust gas passage definition function while allowing the individually retained plates to expand and contract freely. Claims 1, 8, 14, 16, 23, 24, and 25 have been amended herein to clarify this aspect of the invention which was inherent or implied in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention identified as Invention II associated with claims 14-22 and 25-27, drawn to a non-thermal plasma reactor, classified in class 422, subclass 186.04. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the invention identified as Invention I associated with

provisionally non-elected claims 1-13, 23 and 24, drawn to a method for preparing a non-thermal plasma reactor, classified in class 29, subclass 592.1, and to yet unclaimed subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. If there are any additional charges with respect to this election, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Applicants' attorney. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1240.

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